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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate General Counsel  
Director, Central Reference Service  
Chief, ISD/DDO

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Declassification of Office  
of Strategic Services Records

1. Per our telephone conversations, attached for your comments are draft copies of a proposed letter from the Director to the Archivist of the United States, and guidelines for declassification of OSS records. The genesis of these documents is really twofold. (The doctrine of the Holy Trinity will follow.) One is an informal request from Archives for guidelines relative to the declassification of intelligence materials from World War II; the other is a formal request from the Army member of the USIB Security Subcommittee for formal guidelines issued to the Community by the DCI.
2. If we could get an agreed upon package, the thought would be to have it go forward to the Management Committee and then to the Director for signature. Once it had been sent to Dr. Rhoads, the package could then be formally given to the members of the Subcommittee for their guidance.

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[Redacted Signature]

Special Assistant for Information Control

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Attachments

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Remarks:

The attached package is here for my concurrence as the DDI man involved in E.O. 11652. It is initially to serve as instructions to the Archives on how to handle their holdings of OSS data. Per [redacted] it is also hopefully intended as a try at a general instruction for the Agency and for USIB (members of which have asked for such an instruction) on declassification procedures. I like it because, for some things at least, it establishes reasonable dates for automatic declassification, e.g., bio material declassifies at writing date plus 60 years.

EWP may wish to look at it because he was involved in the last major look at declassification of OSS materials and this, implicitly at least, permits and expects far more declassification of OSS material than was suggested in the EWP review. Again, unless I am instructed otherwise, I intend to concur for the DDI.

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